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SCHOOLS FOR THE NATIVES

American Army Officers Pushing Work of Educating Filipinos.

Since March Last Hundreds of Schools Have Been Established and 100,000 Pupils Are Learning the English Language.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The president is much gratified by the showing of educational progress in the Philippines. Military Governor MacArthur has forwarded reports on this subject from commanders of districts and posts in all parts of the archipelago. From these it is learned that several hundred schools were put in operation during the year by army officers. The attendance was over 100,000 children. Perhaps the most pleasing fact in this connection is the general, even eager, desire manifested by children and parents to acquire the English language.

The results attained are measurably due to the initiative of local commanding officers, but are to be mainly credited to the people themselves, among whom the desire for educational facilities is everywhere general and unmistakable, and who have expended considerable sums of money for such purposes, collected through the medium of municipal taxation and private subscription.

The office of superintendent of public instruction was not created until March 30, 1900, upon which date Capt. Albert Todd, Sixth United States artillery, was detailed to the discharge of the duties incident thereto. The work of this office has been limited to supplying books and various other school supplies, of which \$104,251.57 worth have been purchased from public civil funds, and a great part thereof distributed throughout the islands. In many localities the tranquility and order essential to the successful conduct of schools have not as yet been attained. Until the work of pacification is more advanced it will not be practical, it is thought, to take up the subject in that energetic and comprehensive way which the situation would otherwise demand and justify. With improved conditions, the inhabitants will eagerly avail themselves of the advantages which the schools in the islands under American control will afford.

GEN. MACARTHUR RECEIVES.

The First Official Function at Manila in Which American and Filipino Have Mingled in a Social Way.

Manila, Jan. 2.—If President McKinley's New Year's reception proves greater than that of Gen. MacArthur's it will not be the fault of the people of Manila. This reception was the first official social function at which the Americans and Filipinos have mingled in a social way. For three hours a stream of vehicles wound through the grounds of the governor general's residence and discharged their callers—official and civilian—most of them natives, though there was a sprinkling of foreigners. The American flag, branches of nipa flowers and vines predominated in the decorations throughout the mansion. The introductions were made by Gen. MacArthur's staff, assisted by members of the staff of Admiral Remy. The callers, after having been introduced, passed out upon a broad balcony overlooking the Pasig river, and a majority of them lingered about the mansion until the ceremonies were finished. The Filipino women wore elaborate native costumes and carried stably in Spanish.

THE LIMIT IS FIXED.

United States Given Notice That It Will Pay \$3,500,000 and No More for the Danish Antilles.

Copenhagen, Dec. 31.—The United States minister, L. S. Swenson, has informed the Danish government that the United States offers 12,000,000 kroner (\$3,500,000) for the Danish Antilles and will not give more.

The Kansas Sanatorium.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 2.—An effort is being made to induce Judge W. A. Johnston, of the state supreme court, to enter the race for United States senator. Judge Johnston has taken the matter under advisement and may decide to enter. He is from the Fifth congressional district, which is the home of J. R. Burton, who is at present the only opponent to Senator Baker for election to the senate.

Von Ketteler's Assassin Deceased.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The man who killed Baron von Ketteler, the German minister to China, in June last, was beheaded yesterday in the presence of a large number of spectators.

H. P. Wheatley keeps all kinds of coal at Scott's old stand.

THREE UNDER ARREST.

Pat Crowe and His Brother and a Woman in Jail for Kidnaping the Cudahy Boy at Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 2.—The first arrest in the Cudahy kidnaping case has been made. J. J. Crowe, brother of Pat Crowe, whom the police believe to be a principal in the abduction, was taken into custody in Council Bluffs yesterday afternoon by Omaha detectives and brought to this city. The warrant charges Crowe with the abduction of young Cudahy December 12. Crowe consented to accompany the officers across the river without the formality of requisition papers. Early yesterday afternoon a posse of detectives with search warrants and complaints charging abduction ransacked the premises adjacent to J. J. Crowe's saloon in the hope of discovering Pat Crowe in his place of concealment.

A woman, who is suspected of being Pat Crowe's companion when he called at the Schneiderwind home to rent the Melrose hill home, was also arrested and is now in the city jail. Her name is Alice McAdams and she is a sister of Mrs. J. J. Crowe. She was in the house at the time her brother-in-law was taken by the officers, but was not herself arrested until nearly an hour later. She will be held at the city jail until Mrs. Schneiderwind can be brought from Sheeley station to attempt to identify her.

Pat Crowe Said to Have Been Captured.

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 2.—A special to the Journal from Chadron, Neb., says: Pat Crowe, charged with complicity in the abduction of Eddie Cudahy, of Omaha, has been captured. Three detectives following Crowe's trail came upon him yesterday on the Pine Ridge reservation near Oelrichs, S. D., and captured him after a wild chase. Crowe was driving a team and buckboard. He whipped the horses and tried to outrun the horsemen, who soon brought him to a halt with their six-shooters.

CHINA YIELDS AT LAST.

Imperial Court Directs the Plenipotentiaries to Sign the Joint Note of the Allied Powers.

Peking, Dec. 31.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries have been unexpectedly ordered to sign the preliminary joint note and have notified the foreign envoys to that effect. The Chinese plenipotentiaries themselves were greatly astounded at receiving the imperial instructions. Neither Li Hung Chang nor Prince Ching had expected success in persuading the court under ten days. The emperor's instructions are to agree fully to the note, but to endeavor to get the best terms possible, particularly in the matter of limiting the number of the legation guards and also as to the places where these are to be located. The plenipotentiaries are instructed to endeavor to limit the number of army posts along the line of railway to as few as possible and finally to request the powers not to destroy the forts, but to merely disarm them.

Foreigners Satisfied with Note.

Peking, Dec. 31.—The foreign committees in Peking are greatly satisfied at the decided tone of the collective note and the assertion that the powers are determined to entertain no proposals for the modification of their demands. It is understood Li Hung Chang sent a memorial to the throne, couched in very strong terms, urging complete compliance.

Dowager Chooses a New Emperor.

London, Dec. 30.—"Private advice from the province of Shantung," writes the Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, "that while the court was sojourning at Tai Yen Fu, the empress secretly appointed a new emperor, with the title Tung Han. He is a 15-year-old boy who was taken to Sian Fu in the imperial yellow chair."

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

New Year's Reception Was the Most Brilliant Ever Held—Mrs. McKinley Able to Participate.

Washington, Jan. 2.—In the long line of New Year's receptions at the white house, which inaugurate the social season at the national capital, none perhaps was more brilliant than the one which yesterday ushered in the twentieth century. And perhaps no feature of it was so universally gratifying to the distinguished throng which came to extend the greetings of the new year to the chief executive of the republic as the fact that the mistress of the white house was able to participate in the happy occasion and, with the president, receive the felicitations and well wishes of all.

About 5,000 people had been received up to 1:30 o'clock, the hour set for closing the reception, but as the crowd still stretched four abreast beyond the outer gates, the president directed that the reception proceed, that all might come in. It was two o'clock when the end of the line appeared and the president, waving a final salutation to the lingering guests, escorted Mrs. McKinley to her apartments.

Hope the Census and Works Bill for Good. Late in the afternoon, the census bill and the works bill were passed. No more to say. Price 25c.

BAD NEWS FROM KITCHENER

Boers Capture Post at Helvetia, Killing and Wounding 50 British Soldiers and Taking 200 Prisoners.

London, Dec. 31.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, December 30: "Gen. Lyttleton reports that our post at Helvetia was captured yesterday morning by the Boers. About 50 were killed and wounded and 200 taken prisoners. Col. Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the enemy, Helvetia being reconquered by Heven, who has been reinforced from Belfast. Helvetia was a very strong position on the Mafeking-Lydenburg railway and was held by a detachment of the Liverpool regiment. Am asking for further information."

While Lord Kitchener sends bad news for England on the closing day of the year, the press continues to take a surprisingly hopeful view of a grave situation and of revelations of an enormously wide field of Boer activity. Gen. Dewet is still at large. Kimberley is isolated. The Boers are in force enough to have captured a strong position at Helvetia, in the Lydenburg district, while judging from Lord Kitchener's very recent advice, no progress is being made against the Boer invaders in Cape Colony.

Dewet Loses Some Stores.

London, Jan. 2.—Gen. Kitchener telegraphed to the war office as follows from Pretoria: Gen. Knox, who has been following up Dewet, reports that he has captured some horses, five wagons with supplies and 6,000 rounds of ammunition. He has released and allowed to go to their farms 70 Boer prisoners who were taken at Dewet's laager, and who were being forced to fight.

Martial Law to Be Extended.

Cape Town, Jan. 2.—A special meeting of the cabinet was held yesterday at which, it is understood, a decision was reached to make a further extension of martial law. A telegram from Carnarvon reports that the Boers are looting every farm along their route for supplies.

CONTINUED UNTIL JANUARY 5

Mrs. Nation's Friends Will Try to Persuade John G. Woolley to Defend Her—W. C. T. U. Securing Bond.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 31.—The case of Mrs. Carrie Nation, charged with destroying the fixtures and paintings in the Carey hotel bar, was continued until January 5. The local members of the W. C. T. U. secured John G. Woolley, Iowa's presidential candidate on the prohibition ticket, to fight her case. The courtroom was filled with white ribbons, who accompanied Mrs. Nation to her cell, where she conducted a prayer meeting. Mrs. Nation is still in jail. Mrs. Nation, who wrecked the bar at the Carey hotel, is still firm in her purpose to refuse bail and insists upon remaining in her cell. The W. C. T. U. secured Saturday bond and went to the jail for the purpose of liberating Mrs. Nation. She, however, firmly refused it, and said that under no circumstances would she step out of the jail until the charge against her is cleared. She says that she can do more good to the cause by remaining in jail than by going out on bond.

AN ENGLISHMAN'S IDEA.

Alfred Harmsworth Published the New York World One Day to Illustrate What It Should Be.

New York, Jan. 2.—The World was published yesterday under the direction of Alfred Harmsworth, editor and proprietor of the London Daily Mail, who consented to take entire charge for one day in order to illustrate his idea of what the twentieth century newspaper should be. In appearance the World yesterday was greatly reduced. It consisted of 32 pages with four columns to the page, each column 7 inches long and 10 inches wide. In the character of the news there was rigorous condensation. The largest heads usually published were reduced one-half. The small heads Mr. Harmsworth retained.

UNCLE SAM'S BIG SCHEME.

Will Erect on the Gila River in Arizona One of the Largest Storage Reservoirs in the World.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 1.—Arthur P. Davis, one of the most noted members of the government hydrographic bureau, has arrived from Washington to conduct soundings in the Gila river with a view to the construction of one of the biggest storage reservoirs in the world. The main purpose in view is the relief of 8,000 Indians whose water for irrigation has been diverted by white settlers.

Sensation Over Torment of Pecos City.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 2.—Special grand jury at Newkirk has startling evidence to the effect that in 1902 the official of the Perry, Ok., land office accepted bribes for making a filing on the townsite of Pecos City. It also finds that a clerk in the general land office was bribed to destroy documents. Further sensational developments are expected.

We write tomorrow—T. F. Leonard.

CUBANS AS OUR ALLIES.

Majority of Delegates to Convention Express Themselves.

Would Form an Alliance with the United States, Offensive and Defensive, with Permission to Man Cuban Ports if Emergencies Demanded It.

Havana, Dec. 31.—The central committee of the constitutional convention has finished the project for a constitution, which will be presented to the convention and discussed at private sessions. After the changes have been agreed on the project will be discussed publicly. The delegates say the constitution will be adopted by January 15, when it will be sent to the American congress. The delegates will probably recommend that three months after the constitution is adopted the officers of the Cuban government shall be elected and the government handed over to the people. In this way congress will have three months in which to accept or reject the constitution.

Regarding the relations to exist between Cuba and the United States, the discussion publishes an article, which, it is claimed, is in accordance with the opinion of a majority of the delegates. It says that Cuba should make an offensive and defensive treaty with the United States, Cuba undertaking to fortify the island ports and to garrison them, on the understanding that the United States, in the event of war, shall have the right to use the forts as their own, and even to put American troops in them if the Cuban garrisons prove insufficient. This alliance, the paper says, would also solve the questions of loans and foreign relations, as, with such a treaty in force, no nation would lend money to Cuba without first consulting the United States. A similar condition would prevail in connection with questions of foreign relations. One of the most prominent members of the convention claims that the delegates are willing to concede these conditions.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY DIES.

The Well-Known Politician of Minneapolis Is Stricken Suddenly While at His Father-in-Law's House.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 2.—Ignatius Donnelly, politician and author, died at 12:03 this morning, aged 70 years. He was taken suddenly ill last night while visiting at the home of his father-in-law, Barton Mason. Ignatius Donnelly, known as "the Sage of Minneapolis," has been conspicuous in the political and literary field for many years. He came to Minnesota 35 years ago and since that time had been a member of both houses of the state legislature and represented his district in congress. He had pronounced ideas and during his political career had been a member of nearly every political party known in the state. For the last few years he had been bitterly opposed to the policy of the democratic party and at the last general election he was a candidate for vice president on the middle-of-the-road populist ticket.

TROUBLE IN NEW QUARTER.

Curens Are Threatening to Rise and There Is Unrest at the United States Legation.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 1.—Symptoms of unrest continue in Corea. There have been anti-Christmas riots in the neighborhood of Poyang Yang and serious trouble is apprehended. The present situation has caused much uneasiness at the United States legation at Seoul, as the missionaries in Poyang Yang consist chiefly of Americans. There is no doubt that preparations for an uprising against foreigners, similar to that in China, are in progress. Representatives of the United States have made a strong appeal to the Korean government on this subject, and detachments of troops have been sent out to quell any possible disturbance.

THE WIDOW PROSTRATED.

Mrs. Richardson, Whose Husband Was Killed Christmas Eve, Affected by Testimony Relating Upon Her.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Richardson, widow of the millionaire merchant of Savannah, murdered Christmas eve, is in a precarious condition and may die at any moment. She is suffering from nervous prostration from the tragedy, and especially has she been dangerously ill since the evidence given at the inquest Monday by the servant, Beulah Phyllis. The relatives of the dead man take a sick in the evidence of this girl which reflected upon the widow. The prosecution is now in the possession of evidence that may result in an important arrest during the present week.

Quarantining Quarantined.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 2.—The members of the executive committee of the State Temperance union believe a joint-temperance crusade would be a good thing in Kansas. "If it should begin here," declared a member of the union, "it is believed that it would quickly spread throughout the entire state."

UNSPEAKABLY BARBAROUS.

American Who Was Held Captive by Central Australian Blacks Told of Their Mode of Living.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 31.—Australian papers recount the remarkable adventures of an American named Ben Bridge, who, in traveling through an unexplored territory of central Australia, was, with his native servant, taken prisoner by the black inhabitants. He was kept a prisoner by them for nine years. His captors were cannibals, and devoured his black servant. On account of his white skin, however, they kept Bridge as a combination of mascot and deity. He was the first white man they had ever seen, and they watched him so closely that it was nine years before he managed to escape.

Bridge describes the mode of life of these aborigines as unspeakably barbarous. They not infrequently kill, roast and eat their own young children, when unable to procure the bodies of their enemies. Their ordinary diet is yams, birds and kangaroos, and cattle when they can get them. Bridge passed through hundreds of miles of beautifully-grassed and watered land abounding in game, including emus, kangaroos, wild sheep, land posies, buffaloes and alligators.

CROPS OF 1900.

Agricultural Department Estimates the Yield of Wheat at 12.25 Bushels Per Acre—Production of Corn and Oats.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The statistician of the department of agriculture estimates the United States' wheat crop of 1900 at 522,223,505 bushels, the area actually harvested being 42,495,385 acres, and the average yield per acre 12.25 bushels. The production of winter wheat is estimated at 350,023,409 bushels, and that of spring wheat at 172,200,096 bushels, the area actually harvested being 25,235,837 acres in the former case and 16,259,458 acres in the latter. The production of corn in 1900 is estimated at 2,102,516 bushels; oats, 800,125,989 bushels. The area from which these crops were gathered was as follows in acres: Corn, 63,220,872; oats, 27,364,703.

KILLED AND REVIVED.

Experiments in Electricity at St. Joseph by Prof. Schellinger Resulted in a Strange Scientific Truth.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 30.—N. Schellinger, an electrician of Chicago, is making a series of experiments here, and in the presence of a number of persons interested in the progress of science, shocked a cat to death, and when the heart of the feline had long since ceased to beat, Mr. Schellinger reversed the current and the heart beat, and the shock restored the heart beat, although very feeble at first. Within two hours after the cat had been pronounced dead, it had been restored to the fullness of life, and was as playful as ever.

HAS ALMOST DOUBLED.

Value of Pullman Estate Has Grown from Nine to Fifteen Million Dollars in Three Years.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—According to a report filed by the executors of the estate of the late George M. Pullman, the assets of the Pullman family have increased \$6,000,000 since the death of the sleeping car magnate, a little over three years ago. The accounting shows that the estate is now valued at \$15,000,000, as against \$9,000,000 at the time it was turned over to the executors. The tremendous increase is largely due, it is said, to the increase in the value of stocks, bonds and similar property during that period.

YEAR'S RAILROAD STATISTICS.

Fewer Miles of New Track Laid in 1900 Than in 1899—Texas Leads with 518 Miles—Kansas Had None.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Fewer miles of new railroad were built in 1900 than in 1899. The total in all the states and territories aggregates 4,321 miles. Texas comes first with 315 miles. Missouri built 53 miles and Kansas none. Oklahoma is credited with 177 miles of new road and Indian territory with 156 miles. The longest stretch of new track, 142 miles, has been built by the St. Louis & San Francisco on its extension from Sapulpa, I. T., to Denison, Tex.

Editor Was Too Cautious.

Ava, Ill., Dec. 30.—E. E. Waller, editor of the Ava Advertiser, was attacked by Mrs. John Conner, a woman prominent in society, and received several blows from a horse-whip in the hands of the enraged woman. The cause of the trouble was an article in the Advertiser which scored a number of non-paying patrons who had refused to take their papers from the post office.

Temperance Crusade to Hawaiian Islands.

Honolulu, Dec. 28.—Honolulu is about to have a temperance crusade led by the W. C. T. U. and the ministers' union. Two ministers of the W. C. T. U., Miss Jessie McKernan and Miss Ada Murcutt, are expected here on the steamer Coptic to-morrow, and after they have started the agitation, Rev. Dr. Chapman of the Anti-Saloon league, of Oakland, will start.

MIDROADERS IN CONFERENCE.

Populists Who Oppose Fusion Hold Meeting in St. Louis.

Ninety Members of the National Committee Issue an Address, Urging a Closer Union of All Reform Forces for Future Battles.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—After 12 hours of almost continuous talk, the national committee of the middle-of-the-road section of the people's party, which met at the St. James hotel in this city, promulgated an address and provided for the referendum vote of the party. The referendum vote shall be finished by June 1, and a committee of five will be appointed to attend the reform convention at Detroit, July 4, there to announce the result of the vote and promulgate the doctrines agreed to. One of these propositions is for the change of the name from people's party to populist party. Others provide for the amendment of certain sections of the Cincinnati platform, all aimed at the ultimate object of bringing other reformers into closer touch with the populists, with the idea of uniting the weaker parties into one strong organization by the next presidential campaign. While representatives of the social democrats and single taxers, who met with the committee, by invitation, were disappointed in failing to secure some reference to their tenets in the resolutions adopted, the populists claim that they have inserted these or any other "isms" in the address would have alienated the farmer vote, from which their principal support is derived.

About 90 members of the national committee were present in person or represented by proxy. Neither Wharton Barker nor Donnelly were here. Kansas was not represented. Chairman Parker said that the conference was called for the purpose of considering the future policy of the middle-of-the-roads, who stood for no compromise. He believed in divorce from both the old parties and declared that the fight should be carried forward without any compromising. Mr. Parker said he had issued the call to representatives of all branches of the populists party, but that the "fusionists" had ignored it entirely. Prof. George D. Herron, of Grinnell, Ia., was asked to address the gathering on socialism. He said that the reason that Bryan was not elected was because he was not a radical man, that he represented eighteenth century philosophies, was profoundly ignorant of mankind and of the present political needs.

MEXICO'S SILVER DRAIN.

Efforts to Stop Exports of the White Metal to the Orient Are So Far Unsuccessful.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 1.—While the leading banks of Mexico are endeavoring to stop the exportation of silver from that country they are accomplishing very little. It appears that most of the recent shipments have gone to New York, where merchants that trade with China send it away and profit by the exchange. The amount of the daily exports often reaches \$200,000, and very seldom falls below \$50,000. This has been going on for over five months, during which time nearly \$20,000,000 has left Mexico for the orient. It is becoming a serious problem for Mexico, since that country must furnish the cash for all of China and a goodly part of the subsidiary money of Japan. The question of letting out all the silver reserve in the Mexican treasury meets the hearty approval of the banks, but it is known that this cannot give permanent relief as long as the money is sent out of the country at such a rate as it is going now.

New Year's Day in Peking.

Pekin, Jan. 2.—The advent of the new year and the new century was celebrated in Peking on an elaborate scale. The discharge of numerous guns at midnight created a scare and many troops were sent to discover whether the city had been attacked or whether it was a boxer rising. Gen. Chanee held his reception in the morning, and Mr. Conger received in the afternoon.

With a Message for Kruger.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Maj. Grower, Botha, brother of Commandant Lewis Botha, has arrived in Rome on his way to The Hague. He carries dispatches for Mr. Kruger. He said the war in South Africa will last for years, that Mr. Steyn has planned an invasion of Cape Colony and that a revolt of the Afrikaners is certain.

Denial of a Published Statement.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Mr. A. E. Frye, the superintendent of education of Cuba, has telegraphed the war department a sweeping denial of the published story to the effect that he issued a circular or proclamation in Havana advising the Cubans to proceed to drive the Americans out of the island.

For winter gloves, mittens, caps and duck clothing, see the Wizard's big assortment at low prices.

A MISSOURI HANGING.

Noah McGinnis, Who Murdered Frederick W. Barchard, an Old Man, Executed Monday at Butler.

Butler, Mo., Jan. 1.—Noah McGinnis was hanged here Monday for the murder of Frederick W. Barchard. He went to his death bravely. McGinnis, who was baptized Sunday, made a confession, stating that he had no intention of shooting the old man, but only abot to scare him.

Alliance to Defeat Ship Subsidy Bill.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Senator Pettigrew, in alliance with Senators Allen, of Nebraska, and Butler, of North Carolina, has formed a combination in the senate for the purpose of defeating the ship subsidy bill. He calls it a monstrous scheme of ingratuity and spoliation.

Louis Charges Fraud and Bribery.

Columbus, O., Jan. 1.—Congressman Lenta, of this district, has served formal notice on Congressman-elect Tompkins that he would contest the latter's seat in the house. Mr. Lenta charges wholesale bribery and fraud in the count of the ballots.

Kruger Desires to Visit America.

Brussels, Jan. 2.—Replying to an address from the American Boer committee, Mr. Kruger expresses a desire to visit the United States, but said he must postpone the visit on account of the affection of the eyes from which he is suffering.

A New Governor of Michigan.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 2.—At high noon yesterday Marion T. Bliss, of Saginaw, was inaugurated governor of Michigan on the front steps of the state capital building. Gov. Pingree and the retiring officials met the incoming officials.

Successor to Senator Pettigrew.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 29.—As a result of a compromise between republican factions in South Dakota, Congressman Robert J. Gamble will succeed R. F. Pettigrew in the United States senate.

Soldiers of Gen. Lee's Former Secretary.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 2.—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was greatly shocked yesterday on hearing of the death of his former private secretary, McCleod, in Virginia. This was the second private secretary who met a tragic death of this character. James Miller, who was his private secretary during the first period of Gen. Lee's governor of Virginia, was found dead with a pistol in his hand.

Old Democrats in Control.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—A call signed by 21 of 31 members of the democratic state committee of Illinois was issued for a meeting at Springfield January 7, when, it is predicted, John P. Hopkins, a gold democrat, will be elected state chairman. The anti-Hopkins men wanted the meeting delayed until after W. J. Bryan's visit to Springfield.

Populists Caucuses with Democrats.

Denver, Col., Jan. 2.—All the populist members of the state senate, eight in number, entered the caucus of the democratic members yesterday and announced their intention to join the democratic party.

Failed to Turn It Down.

Tess—never saw any man so slow as Mr. Thurman.
Jesse—He is slow isn't he?
"Awfully." We were sitting in the parlor last night, and he suddenly said: "If you could only see how much I love you I'm sure you'd let me kiss you." I told him I couldn't see it in that light, and he just sat there like a stick."—Troy Times.

Queerest Street in the World.

Canton, China, possesses the queerest street in the world. It is roofed in with glazed paper fastened on bamboo, and contains more signboards to the square foot than any street in any other country. It contains no other shops but those of apothecaries and dentists.—Chicago Chronicle.

Not a Promising Puppl.

Uncle (giving his nephew a few hints on politeness)—Now, why, for instance, do I make it a point to turn my back as little as possible to the ladies?
Johnny (promptly)—So they won't see your bald spot.—Meggendorfer Blatter.

Merrill on Both Sides.

Dolly—Oh, dear! My summer candy bill is \$43!
Polly—Goodness! What will your father say?
"Well, I'm going to tell it to him five dollars at a time."—Puck.

Natural Disbelier.

McJigger—You hear people talking about the "fool-killer." I don't believe there is such a person.
Thingumbob—Naturally, for, of course, you have never met him.—Philadelphia Press.

Couldn't Spare Any.

First Tramp—Dat dog is hungry. He needs a bone.
Second Tramp—Well, he can't have none of mine!—Puck.

Opportunities.

Fools occasionally find opportunities, but wise men make them.—Chicago Daily News.